

LEGAL NOTICE

The Elevator Safety Board of the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas Department of Labor will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 17, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Commission Room of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality located in the Arkansas State Police Headquarters at #1 State Police Plaza, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209. Any person attending the public hearing must have a picture identification to enter the building. The public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of accepting public comment on proposed amendments to the rules and regulations of the Elevator Safety Board. The proposed amendments establish minimum standards for the installation, operation, inspection, maintenance, alteration, and repair of elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, moving sidewalks, automatic people movers, platform lifts, stairway chair lifts and similar conveyances. These standards will require all elevators to install fire service no later than December 31, 2010, unless a variance is granted by the board in any particular case. Fire service is currently required for all elevators except those installed from 1963 to 1973. These standards will also require the retro-fit of any hydraulic elevator with a flat-bottom jack no later than December 31, 2010, unless a variance is granted by the board in any particular case. This retro-fit will impact hydraulic elevators installed prior to 1971. The proposed regulations also deal with the licensure of elevator contractors, elevator mechanics, and elevator inspectors pursuant to Act 1813 of 2005. The proposed amendments adopt the Model Rules recommended by the Office of the Attorney General. The proposed amendments establish procedures for obtaining a variance and for the assessment and appeal of fines.

Written comment will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2006 by the Arkansas Department of Labor at 10421 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205. A copy of the proposed regulations may be accessed on the Department of Labor's website at:

http://www.arkansas.gov/labor/whats_new/index.html

or the Secretary of State's website at:

http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/admin_rules.html

or by calling the Elevator Safety Division at (501) 682-4538.

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